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SUBJECT: SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON HAITI

REF: STATE 160347

1. FONMIN BRUTUS, AFTER CONSULTING WITH PRESIDENT, HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PERSONS LISTED REFTEL, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO INOUE SUBCOMMITTEE:

A. JEAN BERNARDEL, LEON JEAN, COL. MAX BAZELAIS: ALL THREE WERE IMPLICATED IN A PLOT AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE STATE. IN 1971 THEY KIDNAPPED THE SON OF THE THEN MINISTER OF COMMERCE, LEBER JEAN PIERRE, AND THREATENED THAT IF THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT DID NOT STEP DOWN, THEY WOULD KILL THE CHILD. THEY WERE JUDGED BY A MILITARY COURT, SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS, AND REMAIN UNDER DETENTION. NO MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST THEIR FAMILIES.

B. JOSEPH GAETJENS: NOT IN HAITI. ACCORDING TO ONE GOVERNMENT SOURCE, A GAETJENS, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL TO JOSEPH, WAS RECENTLY REPORTED IN BARBADOS ATTENDING A PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS SEMINAR, PROVOKED A DISORDER AND WAS EXPELLED FROM THE MEETING.

C. DR. JACQUES INNOCENT: ARRESTED IN MAY 1972 DURING INVESTIGATION OF A COMMUNIST-LINKED CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE STATE. DR. INNOCENT'S WIFE WAS FIRST MARRIED TO A WELL-KNOWN COMMUNIST, JACQUES ALEXIS, AND DR. INNOCENT HIMSELF IS SAID TO HAVE STRONG COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES.

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HAVING COOPERATED IN THE INVESTIGATION, INNOCENT WAS

RELEASED IN EARLY AUGUST AND HAS RESUMED THE PRACTICE
OF MEDICINE.

D. CHARLES INNOCENT, DR. ALIX ADAM, DR. LIONEL CHARLES:
UNKNOWN, NOT UNDER DETENTION IN HAITI.
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